

Willoughby; Delp—Mentor; Felger—Middlefield; Gorta—Olmsted Falls; Halbrook—Willowick; Hernandez—Cleveland; Johnson, D—Cleveland Heights; Justiniano—Cleveland; Leach—Mentor; McFaul—Chardon; Moore—Nardonia; Munroe—Cleveland Heights; Novak—Brookpark; Nubert—Mentor; Ramsey—Avon; Semrau—Mentor; Seuffer—Chagrin Falls; Silc—Painesville; Skorupski—Mentor; Snyder, A—Lorain; Wagner—Amherst; Williams, J—Cleveland.

Army National Guard—50:
Amin—Strongsville; Beavers—Cuyahoga Falls; Brabson, S—Macedonia; Casper—Mentor; Clark, K—Akron; Cripple—Akron; Cross—Cleveland Heights; Crowder—Clinton; Davey—Akron; Dragon—Brunswick; Ely—Brooklyn; Faulds—Copley; Foster—Lagrange; Ganzer—Medina; Garcia—Lorain; Gigliotti—Lagrange; Graf, B—North Royalton; Gray—Cleveland; Griffin—Cuyahoga Falls; Grimes—Clinton; Harrison—Cleveland; Hasrouni—Brunswick; Heil—Strongsville; Hendrix—Elyria; Hunt—Lorain; Ibarra—Cleveland; Johnson, A—Cleveland; Kelly—Copley; Knafel—Akron; Marksby—Amherst; Mireles—Parma; Morrow—Akron; Ningard—North Royalton; Noble—Clinton; Patsue—Olmsted Falls; Riley, A—Amherst; Rotilie—Rootstown; Singleton—Cleveland; Slezak—North Royalton; Strouse—Cleveland; Suttle—Akron; Swanson—Cleveland; Toddy—Westlake; Turner—Vermilion; Urbanija—Fairview Park; Walker—Medina; Williams, R—Garfield Heights; Winkleman—Fairview Park; Wite—Akron; Young—Cleveland.

TRIBUTE TO RONALD E. WEINBERG

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, today I honor Ronald E. Weinberg, chair of the Cleveland State University board of trustees and a principal with Weinberg & Bell Group, a Cleveland-based private equity firm, as he is honored by Cleveland State University with its President's Medal, the university's highest nonacademic honor.

The President's Medal is awarded to individuals, groups or entities whose dedication to the university is beyond question. The medal is conferred only when the honoree has made continuing and extraordinary contributions, or has provided exemplary and ongoing services that have advanced the best interests and mission of Cleveland State University.

The presentation of this award will take place during a gala celebration entitled "Radiance—CSU Realizing the Promise," a highlight of Cleveland State University's commencement weekend. At that time, the President's Medal will be bestowed upon Ronald E. Weinberg for his extraordinary commitment, service and contribution to Cleveland State University and for his efforts to help students achieve their goals through higher education.

Mr. Weinberg was appointed to the Cleveland State Board of Trustees in 2001 and has served as chairman for the past 4 years. During his tenure, CSU has made great strides in becoming one of the country's top urban universities—the campus has been transformed with new buildings; highly credentialed faculty and researchers have enriched the learning experience; and enrollment has increased.

Mr. Weinberg has generously given his time and expertise to support CSU's mission and contribute to its success. Additionally, he has financially supported many CSU initiatives. He and his wife Terri served as cochairs of the Moses Cleaveland Scholarship Dinner, and he is a platinum sponsor of Radiance. Additional recognition of Mr. Weinberg's efforts will come as the Trustees' boardroom is named for him in recognition of a generous scholarship gift.

As part of Cleveland State University's Commencement Weekend celebration, Mr. Weinberg, CSU President Ronald M. Berkman and the CSU community will participate in the celebration of graduation as well as embark on a new tradition of celebrating and supporting scholarships, which are key to attracting promising students to Cleveland State University and giving them the tools to succeed.

It is during this time of commencement that we can all pause to honor our new graduates on their accomplishments and wish them well as they embark on new opportunities. We are also grateful to CSU for helping to provide our young people with the tools they need to be prepared for a competitive job market and to support their communities. It is important to thank those, such as Mr. Weinberg, who have dedicated time and resources to contribute to the success of our students, an investment that is critical to Cleveland's and our Nation's future.

TRIBUTE TO THOMAS G. KELLEY

Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Thomas G. Kelley of Boston, MA, a veteran who risked his life for his nation and went on to a distinguished career serving his fellow veterans.

A son of Boston, Tom Kelley responded to our Nation's call of duty and enlisted in the U.S. Navy, where as a lieutenant in Vietnam he commanded River Assault Division 152. In his service to our Nation, Tom Kelley earned our highest military decoration, the Medal of Honor. The story of how it happened is worth recounting.

On June 15, 1969, Lieutenant Kelley was leading several boats up the Ong Muong Canal to extract an Army company when one suffered a mechanical failure. Moments later, the enemy attacked. At this point, I would like to quote from Tom Kelley's Medal of Honor citation presented by President Richard M. Nixon:

... Lt. Comdr. Kelley realizing the extreme danger to his column and its inability to clear the ambush site until the crippled unit was repaired, boldly maneuvered the monitor in which he was embarked to the exposed side of the protective cordon in direct line with the enemy's fire, and ordered the monitor to commence firing. Suddenly, an enemy rocket scored a direct hit on the coxswain's flat, the shell penetrating the thick armor plate, and the explosion spraying shrapnel in all directions. Sustaining serious head wounds from the blast, which hurled him to

the deck of the monitor, Lt. Comdr. Kelley disregarded his severe injuries and attempted to continue directing the other boats. Although unable to move from the deck or to speak clearly into the radio, he succeeded in relaying his commands through one of his men until the enemy attack was silenced and the boats were able to move to an area of safety.

The citation concludes:

Lt. Comdr. Kelley's brilliant leadership, bold initiative, and resolute determination served to inspire his men and provide the impetus needed to carry out the mission after he was medically evacuated by helicopter. His extraordinary courage under fire, and his selfless devotion to duty sustain and enhance the finest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service.

Tom retired from the Navy in 1990 with the rank of captain and continued to serve in the Defense Department as a civilian. After returning to his hometown of Boston, Tom was named commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services in 1999. In 2003, then Governor Romney named him the department's secretary, where he served until January of this year. Many of us in and out of the service were very sorry to see him go.

While at the helm of the Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services, Tom Kelley remained a hard-charger, and through tireless effort, transformed the agency into a national model for effective and efficient care. Under Tom's leadership, a new generation of warriors went off to fight in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Liberation. Many of these warriors came home with severe physical injuries and the invisible scars of brain trauma and post traumatic stress disorder. Tom ensured that the department devoted the same level of care for these younger men and women as it did veterans from earlier conflicts.

When I served in the State legislature, and as a member of the Veterans and Federal Affairs Committee, I worked closely with Tom on many issues and was always inspired by his energy and passion for helping his fellow veterans.

Tom served under Republican and Democrat Governors and ensured that the department remained focused on providing outstanding service to Massachusetts' veterans. I have no doubt that Tom Kelley will always be regarded as an extremely effective and dedicated secretary of veterans' affairs.

Tonight, Tom will receive a fitting farewell at a bipartisan gala, all the proceeds of which will go to the Massachusetts Soldiers Legacy Fund. And it comes as no surprise that the guest of honor insisted on purchasing his own ticket.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO DORI CARLSON

• Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I wish to take a few minutes today to recognize an outstanding North Dakotan. On